

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES
(Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council)

Chairman: Mr. William E. Crosby, District No. 3

A **meeting** of the **COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES**, Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council, met on **Monday, January 12, 2004**, in the Assembly Room of the Berkeley County Office Building, 223 North Live Oak Drive, Moncks Corner, South Carolina, at 6:28 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. William E. Crosby, Council Member District No. 3, Chairman; Mr. Milton Farley, Council Member District No. 1; Mrs. Judith K. Spooner, Council Member District No. 2; Mr. Charles E. Davis, Council Member District No. 4; Mr. Dennis L. Fish, Council Member District No. 5; Mrs. Judy C. Mims, Council Member District No. 6; Mr. Caldwell Pinckney, Jr., Council Member District No. 7; Mr. Steve C. Davis, Council Member District No. 8; Mr. D. Mark Stokes, County Attorney; and Ms. Barbara B. Austin, Clerk of County Council. Mr. James H. Rozier, Jr., Supervisor, ex officio, was excused from the meeting.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, the electronic and print media were duly notified.

Chairman Crosby called the meeting to order and asked for approval of minutes from the Committee on Human Services Meeting held December 8, 2003.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Council Member Fish and seconded by Council Member Spooner to approve the minutes as presented. This motion was passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

A. Ms. Madelyn Robinson, County Planner, Re: Presentation of the County's Early Action Plan in compliance with the State's Early Action Compact regarding the Federal mandate of the 8-hour ozone standard.

Ms. Madelyn Robinson stated that a draft of the County's Early Action Compact Plan, which was signed with the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) in December, 2002, had been provided to Council in their packet. (A copy of this plan is attached hereto, and by this reference made a part hereof.) The plan is due DHEC, in order for DHEC to submit it to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in March, 2004. Berkeley County was within attainment standards with the ozone regulations that had been mandated by EPA. Indication from DHEC was that those standards were not changing. The County, in agreement with DHEC, was preparing a plan of strategies for implementation consideration in the future. EPA expected the local governments to serve as leaders of the community in implementing strategies that better

the ozone emissions, specifically nitrous oxides produced by everyday activities. Vehicles, for example, burn unleaded fuel at the present time, but the market was moving toward alternative fuels. This was just an example. The draft Early Action Compact Plan reflected Berkeley County's areas of interest in contributing to the reduction of emissions. The County was in the learning stages of this effort, whereas, cities, such as Atlanta and Los Angeles, were well entrenched in this program. It was not anticipated that Berkeley County would be under any Federal mandates in 2007. This draft was a list of suggestions (not a proposal at this time) for Berkeley County, and the public would not be under any mandates with it. Forty-five counties signed this compact with the state. One county did not, claiming it did not have the staff to do it. Horry County proposed installing an electric device that allows ambulances to be idled, on ready, as opposed to burning fuels.

Council Member Spooner questioned the origin of this delegated authority to the counties, and a county's staffing ability to participate.

Ms. Robinson responded that EPA had required the states to do this through DHEC. DHEC, in turn, contacted the local governments to participate. If Berkeley County did not have the staffing to participate, the County would not participate in the Early Action Compact Plan. Although, the County could possibly be held accountable for stringent Federal mandates in 2007.

Chairman Crosby asked if Berkeley County had any standards?

Ms. Robinson responded that Berkeley County was within attainment standards. The County was in a good position, and it had every indication that would not change.

Chairman Crosby asked Ms. Robinson to return to the Committee on a periodic basis with updates.

Ms. Robinson responded that she would address the Committee with the plan again in February to seek Council's approval before its submission to DHEC in March.

Council Member Spooner questioned why the current assessment of emission reductions showed "N/A" on the draft compact plan.

Ms. Robinson responded that the "N/A's" listed were numerical values that would be established at a later date by EPA or DHEC.

The Committee received Ms. Robinson's presentation on Berkeley County's draft Early Action Compact Plan – 2004 as information only. No action was required.

It was moved by Council Member Farley and seconded by Council Member Steve Davis to adjourn the Committee on Human Services. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

February 9, 2004
Date Approved

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A **meeting** of the **COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES**, Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council, will be held on **Monday January 12, 2004**, in the Assembly Room, Berkeley County Office Building, 223 N. Live Oak Drive, Moncks Corner, South Carolina, following the meeting of the Committee on Community Services and the meeting of the Committee on Justice and Public Safety at **6:00 p.m.**

AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

December 8, 2003

A. Ms. Madelyn Robinson, County Planner, Re: Presentation of the County's Early Action Plan in compliance with the State's Early Action Compact regarding the federal mandate of the 8-hour ozone standard.

January 7, 2004
S/Barbara B. Austin
Clerk of County Council